



What is it?

Academic WorldQuest™ is a flagship youth education program of the World Affairs Councils of America. It is a team game testing high school students' knowledge of international affairs. In the game, four-person teams compete by answering multiple-choice questions divided into ten unique and engaging thematic categories.

**2021 National Competition:
April 17, 2021**

Structure of Program

Approximately **5,000 students across the country** participate in competitions hosted by **50 local World Affairs Councils across the United States**. Winning teams are invited to represent their high school, city, and local Council at the national competition held in the spring each year in Washington, DC.

National Competition

The national Academic WorldQuest competition is attended by 200-250 of the nation's most promising students along with their parents, teachers, and chaperones. The 4-hour competition is a unique opportunity for many students to visit the nation's capital, perhaps for the first time. This year's national competition will be held at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP).

There will be a Friday night reception as well, location TBA.

Common Core Standards

Academic WorldQuest contributes to the national **Common Core State Standards** Initiative by fostering reading comprehension skills for informational text.



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First place winners of the 2019 Academic WorldQuest Competition. Students from Jasper High School, representing the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.

2019-2020 Topics

1. U.S.-Russia Relations
2. Country in Focus: South Korea
3. Preventing Extremism in Fragile States
4. Oceans: The World's Garbage Dump
5. Great Decisions
6. Brexit and the EU
7. China's Belt & Road Initiative
8. Germany: 30 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall
9. Qatar and the Future of the Gulf Cooperation Council
10. Current Events

2020-2021 Topics TBA